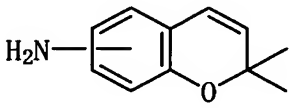
Amendments to the Claims:

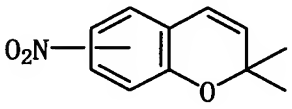
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for producing aminobenzopyran compound of formula (2)



(2)

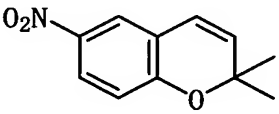
characterized by reducing a nitro group on 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound of formula (1)



(1)

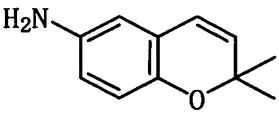
with hydrazine in the presence of a metal catalyst.

2. (Original) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 1, wherein the 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound of formula (1) is 2,2-dimethyl-6-nitro 2H-1-benzopyran of formula (3)



(3),

the aminobenzopyran compound of formula (2) is 6-amino-2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran of formula (4)



(4).

3. (Currently Amended) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound

according to claim 1~~ or 2~~, wherein the metal in the metal catalyst is platinum or palladium.

4. (Original) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 3, wherein the metal in the metal catalyst is platinum.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 1~~, 2, 3 or 4~~, wherein the hydrazine is used in an amount of 2 to 5 molar equivalents to 1 molar equivalent of 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound.

6. (New) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 2, wherein the metal in the metal catalyst is platinum or palladium.

7. (New) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 2, wherein the hydrazine is used in an amount of 2 to 5 molar equivalents to 1 molar equivalent of 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound.

8. (New) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 3, wherein the hydrazine is used in an amount of 2 to 5 molar equivalents to 1 molar equivalent of 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound.

9. (New) The method for producing aminobenzopyran compound according to claim 4, wherein the hydrazine is used in an amount of 2 to 5 molar equivalents to 1 molar equivalent of 2,2-dimethyl 2H-1-benzopyran compound.